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I am a lawyer but not an antitrust lawyer. I am not sure I understand why the government brought its suit against Microsoft in the first place - or to the extent that I understand why the suit was brought, I am not sure I agree. In any event the suit was brought and there is now a proposed settlement.

I am also a consumer of computer software and hardware, as are the three other members of my family. I believe that this litigation has been expensive for all sides. It has added to the cost of computer produces and had a chilling effect on the entire computer industry for unknown or speculative future gains. While I am a computer consumer/user, I am not a guru. I don't need 10 different operating systems. I need one that will integrate easily all the different applications. I need standardization and easy of integration.

I believe that settling this litigation now - and the quicker the better - is in my family's best interests and in the best interests of the vast majority of computer users.